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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1745

FOR: SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE :
MATERIAL, LIQUID COMPOSITION,
SOLID POLYMER FUEL CELL AND
FLUOROPOLYMER

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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This is responsive to the Requirement for Election of Species dated August 9, 2005.

Applicants provisionally elect "perfluoro(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxole)" for search purposes only, which is in addition to the previous election made with traverse on November 10, 2004. This fluouromonomer A species reads formula (4), as discussed on pages 23-24 of the specification and shown as formula (23) on page 25 of the specification. Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are readable thereon. Applicants request that if the elected species is found allowable the Examiner expand the search to non-elected species.

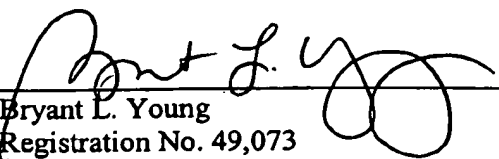
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the obviousness-type double patenting and prior art rejections, as indicated in the present Office Action.

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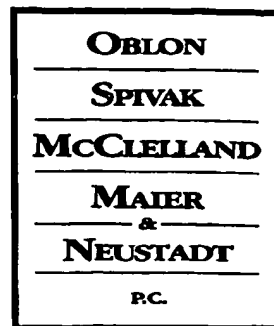
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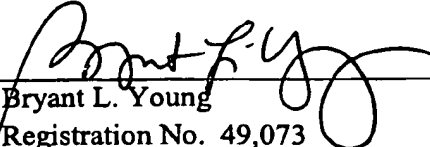
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
LIST OF RELATED CASES**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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